

# BORO OWE IT TO BISHOP

Hillingdon Boro 1 Wycombe W 0

by James Oldfield

● **COMPETING** in the Cross Country match at Bracknell on Saturday, Hayes Athletic Club Senior Ladies scored the club's first team victory of the season.

● The race was contested over a flat woodland course of about two miles and new signing Rosy Smith ran on the shoulder of the leader Nadine Foster of Uxbridge for most of the race. But at the end she was beaten for speed as Foster accelerated over the last 200 metres to win

by 25 metres in 10 min. 36 secs. The other Hayes scorers were fourth Ronna Pavitt and fifth Maria O'Brien.

● The Junior Ladies competed over 1½ miles and their good team packing earned them second team place with 38 points.

● Karen Grant and Clare O'Brien led the team home in seventh and eighth position. They were well supported by sprinter Carmen Paisley eleventh and Helen Wilkie twelfth.

HILLINGDON BOROUGH'S place at the top of the Premier Midweek League group was cemented by a sensational goal powered home by young John Bishop in the 38th minute at Leas Stadium on Monday night.

But Boro could never truly claim to have dominated the visiting Isthmian League leaders, Wycombe Wanderers.

Their goal should never have been allowed to happen. Wycombe full-back, Charlie Gale hesitated far too long when presented with the chance to clear his area, and Bishop gratefully piled onto the scene with a 20-yard plus shot that had Wanderers' deputy goalkeeper, Kevin O'Brien leaping in vain to retrieve the situation.

Gale's second clanger had less far reaching effects, but certainly seemed to have ended all doubts about the final result, when he took down Seth Vafiades in the 'box' two minutes from half-time.

Vafiades himself attempted the spot kick, but a waist high shot was taken out of the sky by O'Brien, who followed up quickly to collect the ball.

● **HILLINGDON** manager, Jim Langley has plenty of time to solve his injury problems before the F.A. Cup tie against Dartford on Saturday.

● Langley himself, and forwards John Correns and Mick Fairchild are all suffering from pulled muscles.

● **Hillingdon** were without a game on Saturday. Langley said: "We should have been playing at Burton, but the match was postponed."

● The reason: Burton had a county senior cup-tie.

Wycombe's forward line, with new signing from Wembley, Johnny Bucke, a surprise inclusion—it was the first hint of Bucke's transfer—lacked the influence of Tony Horsman.

The number ten might well have had the ball past Mick Lowe, whereas Bucke, failing understandably to settle with his new colleagues, was rarely seen as a danger.

Instead Wycombe's defence cracked again after the interval, but the score, bundled unceremoniously over the line by a concoction of Borough's forward line, was disallowed for an infringement on O'Brien.

## KINGSBURY TAKE A TONIC

BY LOOKER ON

SPARTAN League side Kingsbury Town had the class and the cohesion to clinch this hard won Middlesex Senior Cup 1st qualifying round victory on Saturday.

Any lingering doubts about the strength and durability of the Town were fully dispelled with this 2-0 win against their Athenian League opponents Wingate.

Meanwhile, at Northern Polytechnic, Ruslip Manor, gaining the ascendancy in midfield, breaking dangerously and looking full of menace near goal, won their first round replay by the only goal of the match.

But Rayners Lane dropped two more points in the Spartan League when they were beaten at Addlestone by three clear goals.

### CROSS COUNTRY

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE (1987)  
April 2, 1987, at Addlestone, Surrey. (1) A  
(2) Bury (3) Woking (4) Woking (5) Woking  
Team: 100m 11.50g 200m 24g

### GOLF GOLF

CHORLETTWOOD — First Four  
April 2, 1987, at Addlestone, Surrey. (1) A  
NORTH MIDDLESEX — Woking  
April 2, 1987, at Addlestone, Surrey. (1) A  
P. R. Taylor (17) 1st

## Uxbridge



Above and below: Hayes press the Startford defence. Hayes won 3-1. See report page 23.



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